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SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. I AM TO PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT  
ON MARCH 29 AT 10 A.M.

2. I PLAN TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING REMARKS, EXTEMPORA-  
NEOUSLY AS IS THE LOCAL CUSTOM:

EXCELLENCY:

I CONSIDER IT A GREAT HONOR TO BE APPOINTED  
BY PRESIDENT CARTER AS AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH.  
I TAKE UP THIS POSITION WITH A SENSE OF MODESTY, AS  
THERE IS MUCH FOR ME TO LEARN. I ALSO FEEL A SENSE  
OF OBLIGATION AS THERE IS MUCH FOR ME TO ACCOMPLISH  
DURING MY ASSIGNMENT HERE.

I ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS POSITION  
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR MANY SHARED INTERESTS  
WILL BRING OUR COUNTRIES TOGETHER IN AGREEMENT AND  
COOPERATION. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT TWO NATIONS WITH  
SUCH CLOSE RELATIONS WILL ON OCCASION NEVERTHELESS  
DISAGREE; BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL  
PERMIT US TO DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES WITH CANDOR AND  
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GOOD WILL.

I BRING YOU, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE WARM GREETINGS  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND, THROUGH HIM,  
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IN HIS FOREIGN POLICY  
ADDRESS AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY LAST MAY PRESIDENT CARTER  
CALLED UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO "REACH OUT TO THE

DEVELOPING NATIONS TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND REDUCE THE CHASM BETWEEN THE RICH AND POOR". THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BECAME AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND POTENTIALITY OF BANGLADESH IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF YOUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE. OVER THE SEVEN YEARS SINCE THEN MY GOVERNMENT, WITH WIDE PUBLIC SUPPORT, HAS INCREASINGLY BEEN ABLE TO RESPOND TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BOTH BY THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN THESE EFFORTS AND BY THE DISTANCE THERE IS LEFT TO GO. WE SUPPORT YOUR PROGRAMS TO GROW MORE FOOD AND LIMIT THE GROWTH OF YOUR POPULATION. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, SIR, I INTEND TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THESE PROGRAMS AND WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU AND THE OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN FINDING WAYS MY COUNTRY CAN HELP IN CARRYING THEM OUT.

THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE TODAY FACES RAPID CHANGE UNDER CONDITIONS OF STRESS. FACING DANGER OF CONFLICT, WE STRIVE FOR PEACE AND THE FULFILLMENT OF MAN'S NEEDS AND RIGHTS. BANGLADESH HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS QUEST BOTH IN THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS OF THE WORLD AND IN ITS EFFORTS AT HOME. AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME, I AM PLEASED TO PLEDGE TO YOU MY SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. IT WILL BE MY OBJECTIVE TO STRENGTHEN THE GOOD WILL AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH ALREADY EXISTS

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BETWEEN OUR NATIONS AND PEOPLES. I HOPE THAT I MAY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE -- AND ON OCCASION, PERHAPS FOREBEARANCE -- AS I UNDERTAKE THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

IN A MORE PERSONAL VEIN, I RECALL WITH PLEASURE A NUMBER OF VISITS I HAVE MADE TO YOUR CAPITAL CITY OVER THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS. I AM DELIGHTED THIS TIME TO COME FOR MORE THAN A VISIT, TO COME TO STAY. I HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE AFFAIRS OF BANGLADESH AND WATCHED WITH SATISFACTION AS IT DEVELOPED

ITS NATIONAL STRENGTH AND IDENTITY. IT IS GRATIFYING TO ME THAT I WILL NOW BE ABLE TO WATCH -- AND PERHAPS IN SOME SMALL WAY PARTICIPATE IN -- THIS PROCESS FROM INSIDE. I WISH TO DO MORE THAN THIS; TO TRAVEL AND SEE THE GREAT VARIETY OF THE FIELDS, WATERWAYS, HILLS AND CITIES OF BANGLADESH. I WANT TO LEARN MORE OF THE GREAT AND ANCIENT CULTURE OF BANGLADESH AND PERHAPS COME TO KNOW SOMETHING OF YOUR LANGUAGE.

I AM PRIVILEGED, YOUR EXCELLENCY, TO PRESENT MY LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND

PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
AND THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR,  
AMBASSADOR EDWARD E. MASTERS.  
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